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1. SUMMARY. LATEST ISSUE OF NEWS MAGAZINE NIN PROVIDES ADDITIONAL NAMES OF CONVICTED COMINFORMISTS, AIMS OF GROUP AND SCENARIO OF CRIME. IT LEAVES LITTLE TO IMAGINATION ABOUT BLOC INVOLVEMENT IN CASE AND PUBLISHES MANY NEW DETAILS NOT PREVIOUSLY MADE PUBLIC. END SUMMARY.

2. WEEKLY NEWS MAGAZINE NIN OF SEPT 29 CARRIES UNSIGNED ARTICLE ON COMINFORMISTS ENTITLED "THE EPILOGUE OF A FARCE". TITLE IS FROM MARX'S PARAPHRASE OF REMARK BY HEGEL THAT MANY EVENTS AND PERSONS APPEAR TWICE IN HISTORY, FIRST AS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TRAGEDY AND SECOND AS FARCE. CURRENT CASE IS THUS

PRESENTED AS FARCE OF 1948 COMINFORM CRISIS. ASSUME FULL
TEXT OF ARTICLE AVAILABLE TO DEPT THROUGH FBIS.

3. IN ADDITION TO KOMNEN JOVOVIC AND BRANISLAV BOSKOVIC WHO WERE
IDENTIFIED IN PROSECUTOR'S STATEMENT AS RINGLEADERS, ARTICLE NAMES
BRANISLAV DRAGOVIC, TEACHER FROM DJURAKOVAC (KOSOVO); MILJAN
BABOVIC, TEACHER FROM TREBEVIC; RADOSLAV MILIC, TEACHER OF
HISTORY AND LITERATURE; MILADIN TOMOVIC, RADAN TOMOVIC, AND VID
VUJOVIC FROM PEC; CEDOMIR JASNIC, LEGAL ASSISTANT AND DRAGOLJUB
STAMATOVIC FROM PRISTINA; MILADIN SOSKIC, PROFESSOR OF
AGRICULTURE, AND SLOBODAN RAJOVIC FROM BELGRADE. ARTICLE

STATES THAT M. TOMOVIC WAS PREVIOUSLY IMPRISONED FOR COMIN-
FORMIST ACTIVITIES AND THAT JASNIC HAD BEEN CONVICTED FOR
INCITING NATIONAL FEELINGS. SOSKIC ALLEGEDLY REPORTED TO
GROUP ON SITUATION IN PHILOSOPHICAL FACULTY AT BELGRADE
UNIVERSITY LAST WINTER AND PREVAILING ATTITUDES OF STUDENTS.

4. NIN STATES COURT, IN SENTENCING GROUP, HAD IN MIND THEIR
READINESS TO PLACE THEMSELVES AT DISPOSAL OF ENEMIES OF
SELF-MANAGING SYSTEM AND INDEPENDENCE OF SFRY, AS WELL AS
PREVIOUS CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES OF NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN GROUP.
IF THIS WERE A FARCE TAKING PLACE 26 YEARS AFTER PASSAGE OF
COMINFORM RESOLUTION, NIN WRITES, IT IS NONETHELESS INTERESTING
TO SEE WHO AND WHAT WERE INVOLVED AND WHAT BACKSTATE
ACTIVITIES WERE. IT WAS PROBABLY A QUESTION OF MANY
MASKED BALLS, ARTICLE CONTINUES, "AS WELL AS ACTING IN A
BIG POLITICAL GAME WHOSE MOTIVES WERE BY NO MEANS NAIVE.
HOWEVER, GREAT ILLUSIONS ALSO EXISTED BECAUSE, AFTER THE
CURTAIN FELL, ONLY MARIONETTES WERE LEFT BEHIND ON THE
SCENE".

5. NIN BEGINS SCENARIO WITH JOVIVIC'S TRIP IN OCT 1973 TO
UNSPECIFIED DESTINATION ABROAD - A "PILGRIMAGE" - TO ESTABLISH
CONTACT WITH COMINFORMIST EMIGRES. HE WAS SENT BACK WITH
INSTRUCTIONS AND PLANS TO RECRUIT PEOPLE SIMILARLY INCLINED
TO FORM "NEW LCY". HE MET WITH BOSKOVIC, BABOVIC, DRAGOVIC
AND OTHERS TO PREPARE FOR "THE REAL FIFTH PARTY CONGRESS"
TO INVALIDATE JULY 1948 CONGRESS' REJECTION OF COMINFORM'S
DICTAT. JOVOVIC BROUGHT BACK PREPARED DOCUMENTS FOR CONGRESS -
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PROGRAM AND STATUTE - WHICH CONTAINED LANGUAGE LIFTED FROM
TWO 1948 RESOLUTIONS OF COMINFORM. YUGOSLAV GROUP INSTALLED
OFFICE EQUIPMENT IN DRAGOVIC'S HOUSE TO REPRODUCE MATERIALS.
OTHER MEMBERS BEGAN TO ENGAGE IN ORGANIZATIONAL WORK. GROUP
HELD ITS CONGRESS AT BAR ON APRIL 6, 1974 IN BOSKOVIC'S
VILLA.

6. NIN SINGLES OUT GROUP'S ATTACK ON "FOUR FUNDAMENTAL

GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF YUGOSLAV DEVELOPMENT DURING PAST 25 YEARS": PERSONALITY OF PRESIDENT TITO, SELF-MANAGEMENT, NEW RELATIONS BETWEEN REPUBLICS AND PROVINCES ESTABLISHED BY NEW SFRY CONSTITUTION, AND YUGOSLAVIA'S PRINCIPAL FOREIGN POLICY, NONALIGNMENT. GROUP, DESCRIBED AS GREEDY FOR POWER, ADVOCATED STRONG CENTRALIZED GOVERNMENT, "SERVILITY TO OTHERS", STATE OWNERSHIP OF ENTERPRISES, COLLECTIVIZATION OF AGRICULTURE AND IN TOTAL TO OVERTHROW SELF-GOVERNING YUGOSLAV SYSTEM. "CONSIDERING EVERYTHING, VIOLENT METHODS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ALIEN TO THEM AT ALL, IF ONLY AN OPPORTUNITY HAD BEEN GIVEN TO THEM. THEY EVEN STATED THAT OPENLY," WROTE NIN.

7. COMMENT: NIN ACCOUNT LEAVES LITTLE TO IMAGINATION ABOUT BLOC INVOLVEMENT WITH COMINFORMISTS, AND GOES LONG WAY TO UNDERMINE SOVIET PROTESTATIONS OF INNOCENCE IN TASS COMMENTARY ON TRIALS. IT ALSO FILLS IN PAUCITY OF PUBLIC DETAILS ON CASE HERETOFORE.
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